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PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of major agricultural crops in Gujarat is less than the production in other States due to inadequate rain fall; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the agricultural production in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The production per unit area (productivity) of major agricultural crops in Gujarat during 1999-2000 is lower than that of some other states. The productivity of some of important crops in Gujarat vis-Ã -vis that of all India level during 1999-2000 is given under:

Kgs/Hectare

Crops	Gujarat	All India
Rice	1482	1990
Wheat	2116	2755
Foodgrains	1186	1697
Oilseeds	619	856
Sugarcane	69980	70825
Cotton	230	226

It is seen from the above table that productivity of major agricultural crops in Gujarat is generally lower than that of all-India average. However, it is higher in Gujarat in case of cotton, for instance, compared to the corresponding all-India average.

The productivity of crops depends on a large number of factors such as Agro climatic conditions, farm size, application of inputs, level of investment and managerial skills. Since these factors vary a great deal from state to state, so does the productivity.

(b): To increase production and develop agriculture in different parts of the country including Gujarat, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme envisages integration of 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/complementation of states' efforts through work plans which will give flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.